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THE FOLLOWING TEL FROM BANGKOK DATED NOV 27, 1973
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B. FBIS BANGKOK D270243Z NOV 73 AND TWO ADDS

1. REFS A AND B REPEAT ARTICLES FROM THE NOVEMBER 27 "BANGKOK
POST," AND ARE THE LATEST IN A RECENT SPATE OF PRESS STORIES CON-
CERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHINESE IRREGULAR FORCES (CIF)
BASED IN THAILAND. THE ARTICLES CLAIM QUITE CORRECTLY THAT THE CIF,
SPECIFICALLY THE TROOPS OF GEN. LI WEN-HUAN, ARE STILL INVOLVED

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IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. A NOVEMBER 14 BACKGROUNDER IN "THE NATION" MAKES SIMILAR CHARGES. THE NOVEMBER 25 JZKBANRKOK POST" SUNDAY MAGAZINE FEATURED A LONG ARTICLE ON LIFE IN GENERAL TUAN HSI-WEN'S CAMP AT MAE SALONG IN CHIANG RAI PROVINCE NEAR THE BURMA BORDER. THE AUTHOR QUOTES TUAN AS DENYING THAT HIS FORCES ARE STILL SMUGGLING OPIUM.

2. COMMENT: THESE ARTICLES ON THE CIF ARE BOUND TO EMBARRASS THE SUPREME COMMAND WHICH IS ALLIED WITH THE CIF IN COMMUNIST SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS. THEY WILL ALSO GIVE AMMUNITION TO FOREIGN CRITICS OF THAILAND'S NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. WE PLAN AN EARLY APPROACH ON THIS ISSUE TO DEFENSE MINISTER DAWEE CHULLASAPYA, AND WILL USE THE PRESS ARTICLES AS A PEG.

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